

Blockchain Lab

Experiment 4

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Aim - Hands on Solidity Programming Assignments for creating Smart Contracts.

Theory -

Primitive Data Types, Variables, and Functions (Pure & View)

In Solidity, primitive data types are the basic building blocks of smart contracts. Commonly used data types include:

- **uint** / **int** – Unsigned and signed integers of various sizes (e.g., **uint256**, **int128**).
- **bool** – Represents logical values (**true** or **false**).
- **address** – Stores a 20-byte Ethereum address, typically used for user accounts or contract addresses.
- **bytes** / **string** – Used to store binary data or textual information.

Types of Variables

Solidity supports different categories of variables:

- **State variables** – Stored permanently on the blockchain.
- **Local variables** – Temporary variables created during function execution.
- **Global variables** – Predefined variables such as **msg.sender**, **msg.value**, and **block.timestamp**.

Functions in Solidity

Functions define the logic of a smart contract. Two important function types are:

- **pure functions** – Cannot read or modify blockchain state. They rely only on input parameters and internal calculations.
- **view functions** – Can read state variables but cannot modify them.

Using **pure** and **view** appropriately helps reduce gas costs and ensures function integrity.

Inputs and Outputs of Functions

Solidity functions can accept input parameters and return one or more output values.

- **Inputs** allow users or other contracts to pass data into a function.
- **Outputs** return results after performing computations.

For example, a function may accept an Ether amount and return whether a transaction was successful. Solidity also supports **named return variables**, which enhance code readability and simplify debugging.

Visibility, Modifiers, and Constructors

Function Visibility

Visibility determines who can access a function:

- **public** – Accessible from inside and outside the contract.
- **private** – Accessible only within the same contract.
- **internal** – Accessible within the contract and its derived (child) contracts.
- **external** – Can be called only from outside the contract.

Modifiers

Modifiers are reusable code blocks that alter function behavior. They are commonly used for access control, such as restricting certain functions to the contract owner (e.g., **onlyOwner**).

Constructors

A constructor is a special function that runs only once during contract deployment. It is typically used to initialize important variables, such as assigning the deployer as the contract owner.

Control Flow: if-else and Loops

Solidity's control flow mechanisms are similar to traditional programming languages:

- **if-else statements** enable conditional execution, such as verifying sufficient balance before transferring funds.
- **Loops (for, while, do-while)** allow repeated execution of code, such as iterating through an array.

However, loops must be used cautiously because excessive iterations increase gas consumption, making transactions more expensive.

Data Structures: Arrays, Mappings, Structs, and Enums

Solidity provides several data structures:

- **Arrays** – Store ordered lists of elements. They can be fixed-size or dynamic. Example: an array of user addresses.
- **Mappings** – Store key-value pairs for efficient lookups. Example:
`mapping(address => uint)` for tracking account balances.
Unlike arrays, mappings cannot be iterated directly.
- **Structs** – Custom data types that group related properties. Example:
`struct Player { string name; uint score; }`
- **Enums** – Define a set of predefined constants, improving readability. Example:
`enum Status { Pending, Active, Closed }`

Data Locations

Solidity uses three main data locations:

- **storage** – Permanently stored on the blockchain (used for state variables).
- **memory** – Temporary storage available only during function execution.
- **calldata** – Non-modifiable, non-persistent storage used for external function parameters. It is more gas-efficient than **memory**.

Understanding data locations is essential because they directly affect gas costs and contract performance.

Transactions: Ether, Wei, Gas, and Sending Transactions

Ether and Wei

Ether is the primary currency of Ethereum. All values are internally measured in **Wei**, the smallest unit:

1 Ether = 10¹⁸ Wei

Using Wei ensures high precision in financial calculations.

Gas and Gas Price

Every transaction consumes **gas**, which represents the computational effort required to execute it.

- **Gas price** determines how much Ether is paid per unit of gas.
- Higher gas prices encourage miners (validators) to prioritize a transaction.

Sending Transactions

Transactions are used to:

- Transfer Ether
- Interact with smart contracts

Common methods include:

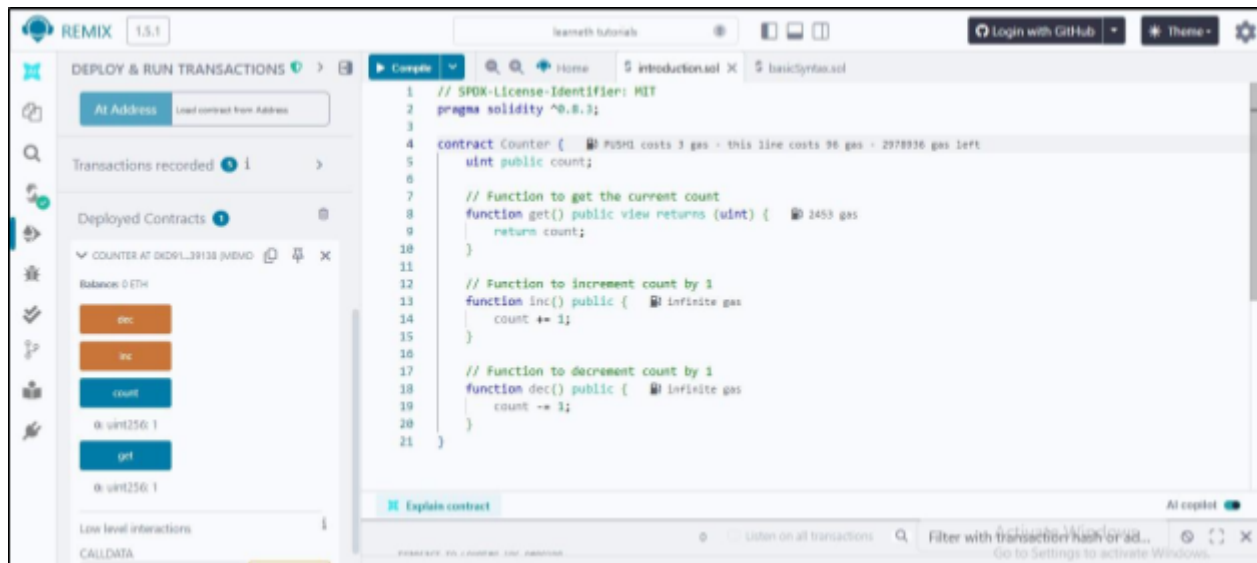
- `transfer()` – Sends Ether with fixed gas.
- `send()` – Similar to transfer but returns a boolean.
- `call()` – More flexible and commonly recommended for sending Ether.

Since every transaction requires gas, writing optimized and efficient smart contracts is crucial.

Code & Output -

Tutorial 1

1. Get counter value



```
from          0x5B38Da6a701c568545dCfcB03Fc8875f56beddC4

to            Counter.get() 0xd9145CCE52D386f254917e481eB44e9943F39138

execution cost 2453 gas (Cost only applies when called by a contract)

input         0x6d4...ce63c

output        0x0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000001

decoded input {}

decoded output {
               "0": "uint256: 1"
            }
```

2. Increment counter value

```
[vm] from: 0x5B3...eddC4 to: Counter.inc() 0xd91...39138 value: 0 wei data: 0x371...303c0 logs: 0 hash: 0xfce...8cdc3 Debug ^

status          1 Transaction mined and execution succeed

transaction hash 0xfcec1001233a0cc437ac7e87c2db11f186a2fe0976a8ef4e08e5c6c5228cdc3

block hash      0xc8733a651aaad2a98d67f88a95784141e7e550cd40388c50feefcd1145229228

block number    6

from            0x5B38Da6a701c568545dCfcB03Fc8875f56beddC4

to              Counter.inc() 0xd9145CCE52D386f254917e481eB44e9943F39138

transaction cost 26417 gas
```

3. Decrement counter value

```
[vm] from: 0x5B3...eddC4 to: Counter.dec() 0xd91...39138 value: 0 wei data: 0xb3b...cfa82 logs: 0 hash: 0x21d...52d6d Debug ^

status          1 Transaction mined and execution succeed

transaction hash 0x21d0a184e0a457ef2f35508a0094a8fc0c2eac05b53a095e6d96e1c2c4452d6d

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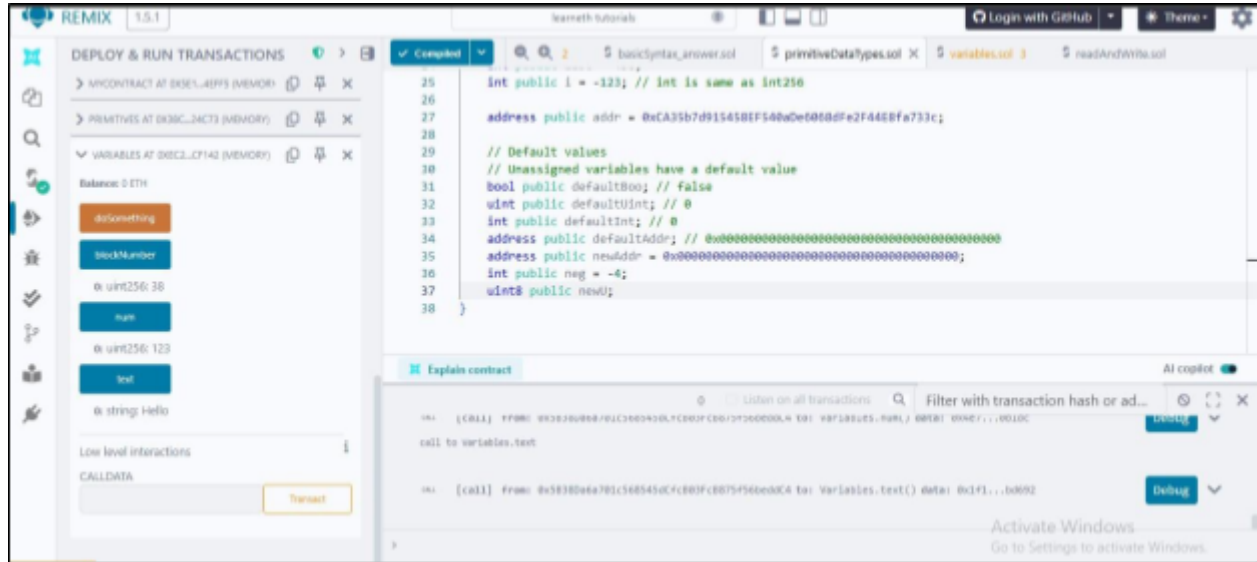
block number    7

from            0x5B38Da6a701c568545dCfcB03Fc8875f56beddC4

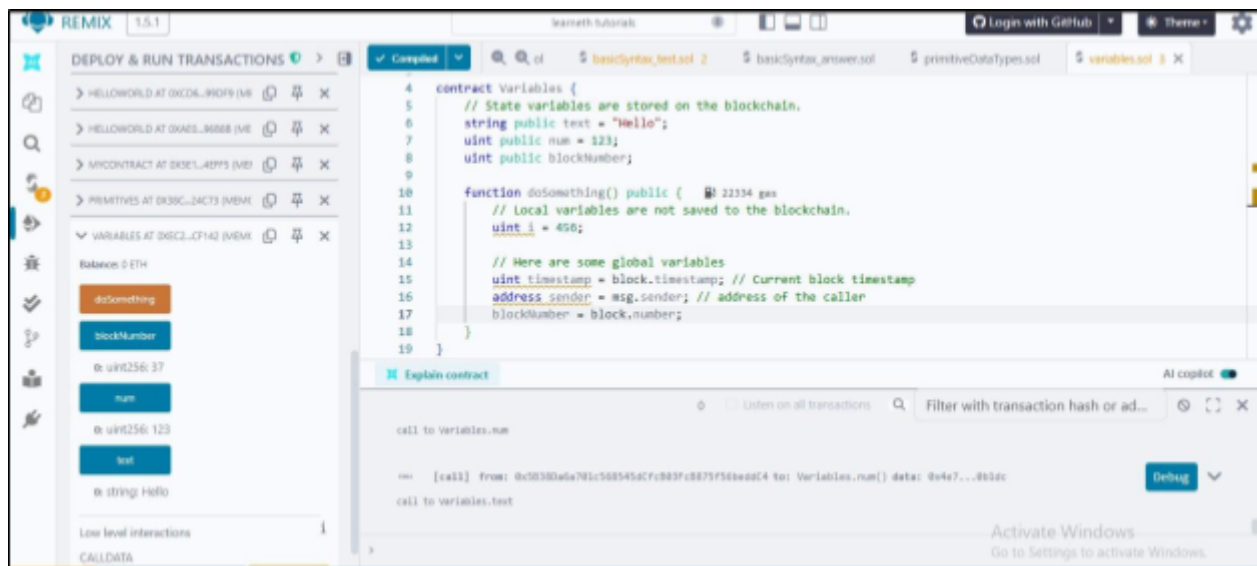
to              Counter.dec() 0xd9145CCE52D386f254917e481eB44e9943F39138

transaction cost 26461 gas
```

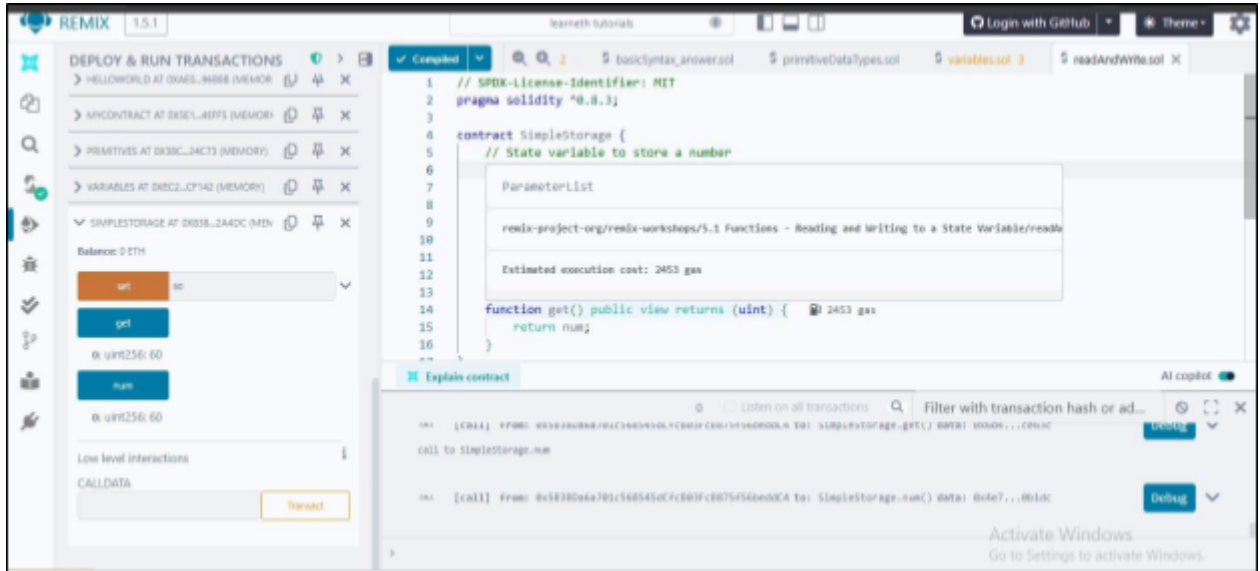
4. Get count value



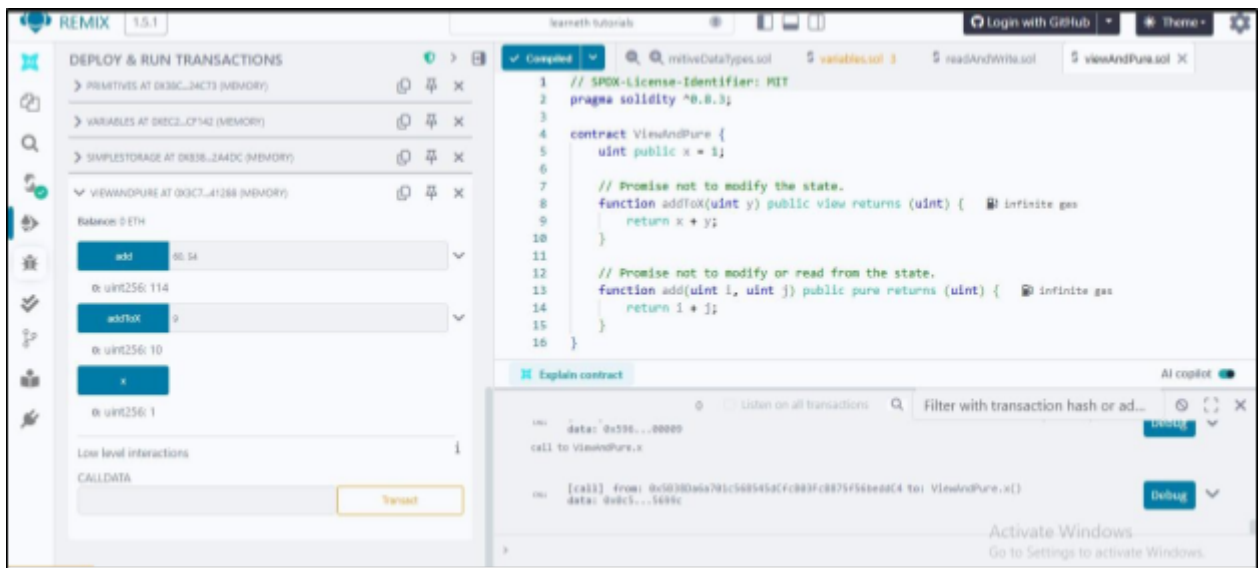
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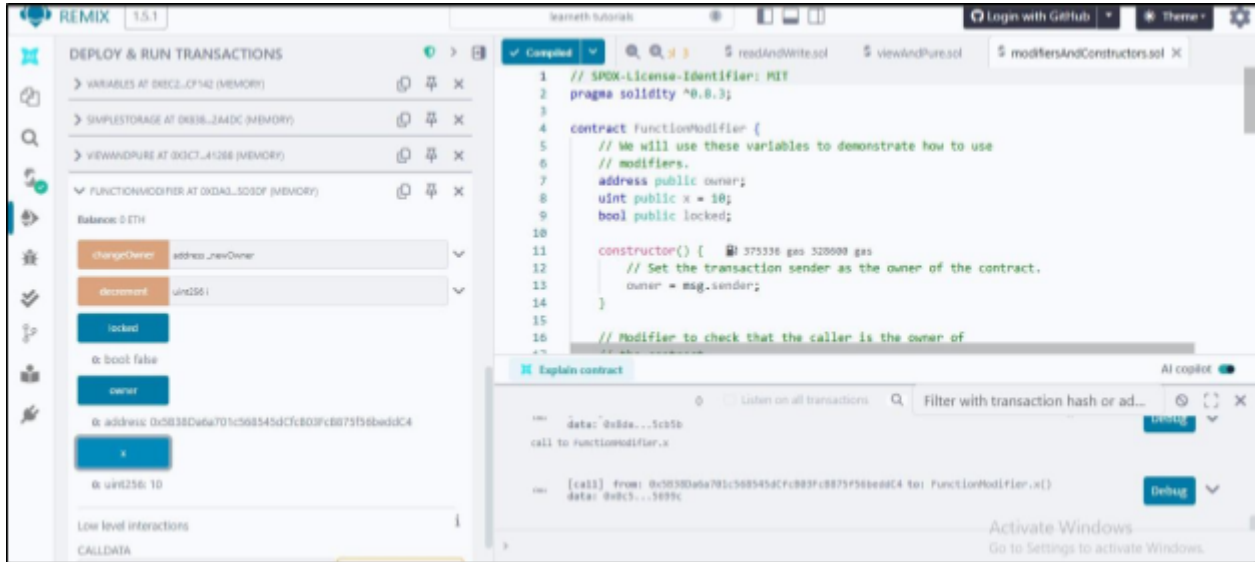
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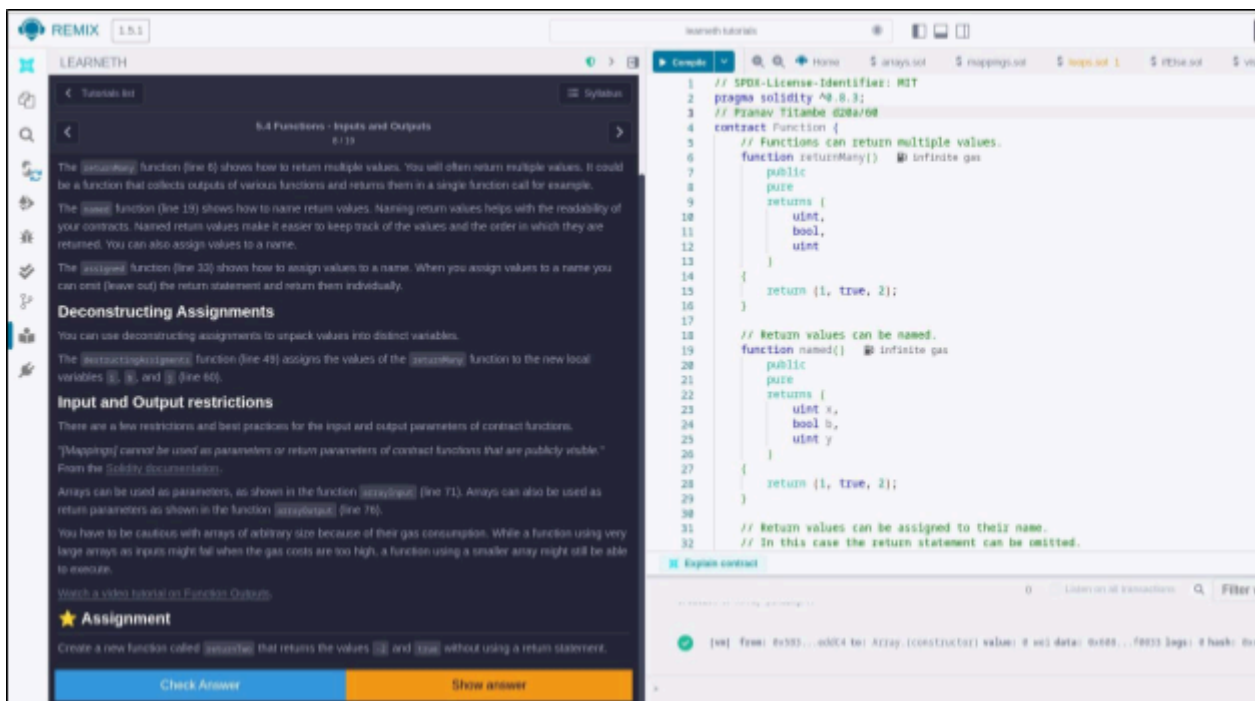
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6. Visibility

The `visibility` specifier is used to control who has access to functions and state variables.

There are four types of visibilities: `external`, `public`, `internal`, and `private`.

They regulate if functions and state variables can be called from inside the contract, from contracts that derive from the contract (child contracts), or from other contracts and transactions.

private

- Can be called from inside the contract

internal

- Can be called from inside the contract
- Can be called from a child contract

public

- Can be called from inside the contract
- Can be called from a child contract
- Can be called from other contracts or transactions

external

- Can be called from other contracts or transactions
- State variables can not be `external`

In this example, we have two contracts, the `Base` contract (line 4) and the `Child` contract (line 55) which inherits the functions and state variables from the `Base` contract.

When you uncomment the `testPrivateFunc` (lines 56-60) you get an error because the child contract doesn't have access to the private function `privateFunc` from the `Base` contract.

If you compile and deploy the two contracts, you will not be able to call the functions `testPrivateFunc` and `testInternalFunc` directly. You will only be able to call them via `testPrivateFunc` and `testInternalFunc`.

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d28a/80
5
6 contract Base {
7     // Private function can only be called
8     // - inside this contract
9     // - inside contracts that inherit this contract.
10    function privateFunc() private pure returns (string memory) {
11        return "private function called";
12    }
13
14    function testPrivateFunc() public pure returns (string memory) {
15        return privateFunc();
16    }
17
18    // Internal function can be called
19    // - inside this contract
20    // - inside contracts that inherit this contract
21    function internalFunc() internal pure returns (string memory) {
22        return "internal function called";
23    }
24
25    function testInternalFunc() public pure virtual returns (string memory) {
26        return internalFunc();
27    }
28
29    // Public functions can be called
30    // - inside this contract
31    // - inside contracts that inherit this contract
32    // - by other contracts and accounts

```

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7.1 Control Flow - If/Else

Solidity supports different control flow statements that determine which parts of the contract will be executed. The conditional `if/else` statement enables contracts to make decisions depending on whether boolean conditions are either `true` or `false`.

Solidity differentiates between three different `if/else` statements: `if`, `if/else`, and `if/else if`.

if

The `if` statement is the most basic statement that allows the contract to perform an action based on a boolean expression.

In this contract's `foo` function (line 5) the `if` statement (line 6) checks if `x` is smaller than `10`. If the statement is true, the function returns `0`.

else

The `else` statement enables our contract to perform an action if conditions are not met.

In this contract, the `foo` function uses the `else` statement (line 10) to return `1` if none of the other conditions are met.

else if

With the `else if` statement we can combine several conditions.

If the first condition (line 6) of the `foo` function is not met, but the condition of the `else if` statement (line 8) becomes true, the function returns `2`.

Watch a video tutorial on the `if/else` statements.

★ **Assignment**

Create a new function called `ternary` in the `Base` contract:

- That takes in a `uint` as an argument.
- The function returns `0` if the argument is even, and `1` if the argument is odd.

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d28a/80
5
6 contract IfElse {
7     function foo(uint x) public pure returns (uint) {
8         if (x < 10) {
9             return 0;
10        } else if (x < 20) {
11            return 1;
12        } else {
13            return 2;
14        }
15    }
16
17    function ternary(uint _x) public pure returns (uint) {
18        // if (_x < 10) {
19        //     return 1;
20        // }
21        // return 2;
22
23        // shorthand way to write if / else statement
24        return _x < 10 ? 1 : 2;
25    }
26 }

```

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Solidity supports iterative control flow statements that allow contracts to execute code repeatedly. Solidity differentiates between three types of loops: `for`, `while`, and `do-while` loops.

for

Generally, `for` loops (line 7) are great if you know how many times you want to execute a certain block of code. In Solidity, you should specify this amount to avoid transactions running out of gas and failing if the amount of iterations is too high.

while

If you don't know how many times you want to execute the code but want to break the loop based on a condition, you can use a `while` loop (line 20). Loops are seldom used in Solidity since transactions might run out of gas and fail if there is no limit to the number of iterations that can occur.

do-while

The `do-while` loop is a special kind of while loop where you can ensure the code is executed at least once, before checking on the condition.

continue

The `continue` statement is used to skip the remaining code block and start the next iteration of the loop. In this contract, the `continue` statement (line 10) will prevent the second if statement (line 12) from being executed.

break

The `break` statement is used to exit a loop. In this contract, the `break` statement (line 14) will cause the `for` loop to be terminated after the sixth iteration.

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★ Assignment

1. Create a public `uint` state variable called `count` in the `Loop` contract.

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1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.0;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d20e064
5
6 contract Loop {
7 function loop() public {
8 // for loop
9 for (uint i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
10 if (i == 3) {
11 // Skip to next iteration with continue
12 continue;
13 }
14 if (i == 5) {
15 // Exit loop with break
16 break;
17 }
18 i;
19 }
20
21 // while loop
22 uint j;
23 while (j < 10) {
24 j++;
25 }
26 }
27 }

Explain contract

no previous or existing transactions
1
2 Load on all transactions
3 Filter with transaction hash or

✓ [vm] from: 0x503...ad3c4 to: Array (constructor) value: 0 wei data: 0x000...f8033 logs: 0 hash:

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empty (line 1)

Initializing arrays

We can initialize the elements of an array all at once (line 7), or initialize new elements one by one (`arr[i] = 1`). If we declare an array, we automatically initialize its elements with the default value 0 (line 9).

Accessing array elements

We access elements inside an array by providing the name of the array and the index in brackets (line 12).

Adding array elements

Using the `push()` member function, we add an element to the end of a dynamic array (line 25).

Removing array elements

Using the `pop()` member function, we delete the last element of a dynamic array (line 31).

We can use the `delete` operator to remove an element with a specific index from an array (line 42). When we remove an element with the `delete` operator all other elements stay the same, which means that the length of the array will stay the same. This will create a gap in our array. If the order of the array is not important, then we can move the last element of the array to the place of the deleted element (line 40), or use a mapping. A mapping might be a better choice if we plan to remove elements in our data structure.

Array length

Using the `length` member, we can read the number of elements that are stored in an array (line 35).

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★ Assignment

1. Initialize a public fixed-sized array called `arr` with the values 0, 1, 2. Make the size as small as possible.

2. Change the `getArr()` function to return the value of `arr`.

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1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.0;
3 // Pranav Titambe d20e064
4
5 // Several ways to initialize an array
6 uint[] public arr;
7 uint[] public arr2 = [1, 2, 3];
8 // Fixed sized array, all elements initialize to 0
9 uint[10] public myFixedLenArr;
10
11 function get(uint i) public view returns (uint) {
12 return arr[i];
13 }
14
15 // Solidity can return the entire array.
16 // But this function should be avoided for
17 // arrays that can grow indefinitely in length.
18 function getArr() public view returns (uint[] memory) {
19 return arr;
20 }
21
22
23 function push(uint i) public {
24 // Append to array
25 // This will increase the array length by 1.
26 arr.push(i);
27 }
28
29 function pop() public {
30 // Remove last element from array
31 // This will decrease the array length by 1.
32 arr.pop();
33 }

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✓ [vm] from: 0x503...ad3c4 to: Array (constructor) value: 0 wei data: 0x000...f8033 logs: 0 hash: 0x000...7f733

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In Solidity enums are custom data types consisting of a limited set of constant values. We use enums when our variables should only get assigned a value from a predefined set of values.

In this contract, the state variable `status` can get assigned a value from the limited set of provided values of the enum `Status`, representing the various states of a shipping status.

Defining enums

We define an enum with the `enum` keyword, followed by the name of the custom type we want to create (line 6). Inside the curly braces, we define all available members of the enum.

Initializing an enum variable

We can initialize a new variable of an enum type by providing the name of the enum, the visibility, and the name of the variable (line 18). Upon its initialization, the variable will be assigned the value of the first member of the enum, in this case, `Pending` (line 7).

Even though enum members are named when you define them, they are stored as unsigned integers, not strings. They are numbered in the order that they were defined, the first member starting at 0. The initial value of `status`, in this case, is 0.

Accessing an enum value

To access the enum value of a variable, we simply need to provide the name of the variable that is storing the value (line 25).

Updating an enum value

We can update the enum value of a variable by assigning it the `enum` representing the enum member (line 30). `Shipped` would be 1 in this example. Another way to update the value is using the dot operator by providing the name of the enum and its member (line 35).

Removing an enum value

We can use the delete operator to delete the enum value of the variable, which means as for arrays and mappings, to set the default value to 0.

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Contracts

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d20a/04
5
6 contract Enum {
7     // Enum representing shipping status
8     enum Status {
9         Pending,
10        Shipped,
11        Accepted,
12        Rejected,
13        Canceled
14    }
15
16    // Default value is the first element listed in
17    // definition of the type, in this case "Pending"
18    Status public status;
19
20    // Returns uint
21    // Pending - 0
22    // Shipped - 1
23    // Accepted - 2
24    // Rejected - 3
25    // Canceled - 4
26    function get() public view returns (Status) { 2562 gas
27        return status;
28    }
29
30    // Update status by passing uint into input
31    function set(Status _status) public { undefined gas
32        status = _status;
33    }
34
35    // Explain contract
36
37    0 Listen on all transactions
38
39    [vm] from: 0x383...addc4 to: Array (constructor) value: 0 wei data: 0x000...f0832

```

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The values of variables in Solidity can be stored in different data locations: memory, storage, and calldata.

As we have discussed before, variables of the value type store an independent copy of a value, while variables of the reference type (array, struct, mapping) only store the location (reference) of the value.

If we use a reference type in a function, we have to specify in which data location their values are stored. The price for the execution of the function is influenced by the data location; creating copies from reference types costs gas.

Storage

Values stored in storage are stored permanently on the blockchain and, therefore, are expensive to use.

In this contract, the state variables `arr`, `map`, and `myStructs` (lines 5, 6, and 10) are stored in storage. State variables are always stored in storage.

Memory

Values stored in memory are only stored temporarily and are not on the blockchain. They only exist during the execution of an external function and are discarded afterward. They are cheaper to use than values stored in storage.

In this contract, the local variable `myStruct` (line 19), as well as the parameter `arr` (line 31), are stored in memory. Function parameters need to have the data location memory or calldata.

Calldata

Calldata stores function arguments. Like memory, calldata is only stored temporarily during the execution of an external function. In contrast to values stored in memory, values stored in calldata can not be changed. Calldata is the cheapest data location to use.

In this contract, the parameter `arr` (line 35) has the data location calldata. If we wanted to assign a new value to the first element of the array `arr`, we could do that in the `function g` (line 31) but not in the `function h` (line 36). This is because `arr` in `function g` has the data location memory and function `h` has the data location `calldata`.

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Contracts

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d20a/04
5
6 contract DataLocations {
7     uint[] public arr;
8     mapping(uint => address) map;
9     struct MyStruct {
10         uint foo;
11     }
12     mapping(uint => MyStruct) myStructs;
13
14     function f() public { 372 gas
15         // call _f with state variables
16         _f(arr, map, myStructs[1]);
17     }
18
19     // get a struct from a mapping
20     MyStruct storage myStruct = myStructs[1];
21     // create a struct in memory
22     MyStruct memory myNewStruct = MyStruct(0);
23
24     function _f() { undefined gas
25         uint[] storage _arr;
26         mapping(uint => address) storage _map;
27         MyStruct storage _myStruct;
28         internal {
29             // do something with storage variables
30         }
31     }
32
33     // You can return memory variables
34
35    Explain contract
36
37    0 Listen on all transactions
38
39    [vm] from: 0x383...addc4 to: Array (constructor) value: 0 wei data: 0x000...f0832

```

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10.1 Transactions - Ether and Wei

Ether (ETH) is a cryptocurrency. Ether is also used to pay fees for using the Ethereum network, like making transactions in the form of sending Ether to an address or interacting with an Ethereum application.

Ether Units

To specify a unit of Ether, we can add the suffixes `wei`, `gwei`, or `ether` to a literal number.

`wei`

Wei is the smallest subunit of Ether, named after the cryptographer Wei Dai. Ether numbers without a suffix are treated as `wei` (line 7).

`gwei`

One `gwei` (giga-wei) is equal to 1,000,000,000 (10^9) `wei`.

`ether`

One `ether` is equal to 1,000,000,000,000,000 (10^{18}) `wei` (line 11).

[Watch a video tutorial on Ether and Wei.](#)

★ **Assignment**

1. Create a `public` `uint` called `oneWei` and set it to 1 `wei`.
2. Create a `public` `bool` called `isOneWei` and set it to the result of a comparison operation between 1 `gwei` and 10^9 .

Tip: Look at how this is written for `wei` and `ether` in the contract.

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```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d20a/60
5
6 contract EtherUnits {
7     uint public oneWei = 1 wei;
8     // 1 wei is equal to 1
9     bool public isOneWei = 1 wei == 1;
10
11     uint public oneEther = 1 ether;
12     // 1 ether is equal to 10^18 wei
13     bool public isOneEther = 1 ether == 1e18;
14 }
  
```

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10.2 Transactions - Gas and Gas Price

As we have seen in the previous section, executing code via transactions on the Ethereum Network costs transaction fees in the form of Ether. The amount of fees that have to be paid to execute a transaction depends on the amount of gas that the execution of the transaction costs.

Gas

Gas is the unit that measures the amount of computational effort that is required to execute a specific operation on the Ethereum network.

Gas price

The gas that fuels Ethereum is sometimes compared to the gas that fuels a car. The amount of gas your car consumes is mostly the same, but the price you pay for gas depends on the market.

Similarly, the amount of gas that a transaction requires is always the same for the same computational work that is associated with it. However the price that the sender of the transaction is willing to pay for the gas is up to them. Transactions with higher gas prices are going through faster; transactions with very low gas prices might not go through at all.

When sending a transaction, the sender has to pay the gas fee (`gas_price * gas`) upon execution of the transaction. If gas is left over after the execution is completed, the sender gets refunded.

Gas prices are denoted in `gwei`.

Gas limit

When sending a transaction, the sender specifies the maximum amount of gas that they are willing to pay for. If they set the limit too low, their transaction can run out of gas before being completed, reverting any changes being made. In this case, the gas was consumed and can't be refunded.

[Learn more about gas on \[ethereum.org\]\(https://ethereum.org\).](#)

[Watch a video tutorial on Gas and Gas Price.](#)

★ **Assignment**

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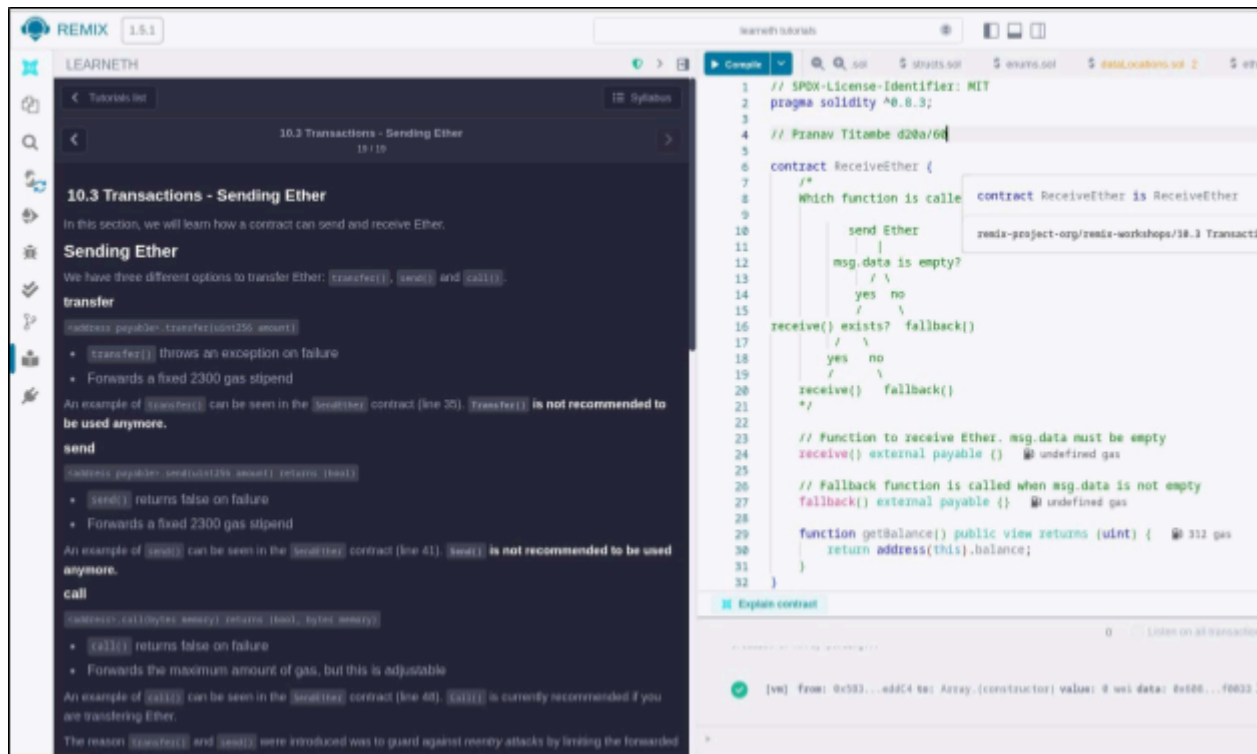
1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity ^0.8.3;
3
4 // Pranav Titambe d20a/60
5
6 contract Gas {
7     uint public i = 0;
8
9     // Using up all of the gas that you send causes your transaction
10    // State changes are undone.
11    // Gas spent are not refunded.
12    function forever() public {
13        // Here we run a loop until all of the gas are spent
14        // and the transaction fails
15        while (true) {
16            i ++ 1;
17        }
18    }
19 }
  
```

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Conclusion:

This experiment provided an in-depth exploration of Solidity programming through structured practical implementation using the Remix IDE. Fundamental concepts—including data types, variable classifications, function definitions, visibility specifiers, modifiers, constructors, control flow mechanisms, data structures, and transaction management—were systematically implemented and evaluated.

The process of designing, compiling, and deploying smart contracts on the Remix Virtual Machine (VM) enabled a comprehensive understanding of smart contract architecture and blockchain execution mechanisms. The practical exposure strengthened conceptual clarity and technical proficiency in Ethereum-based development.